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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: VISIT OF 30 GERMAN BUSINESS-MEN TO NAT'L. HOUSEWARES SHOW, CHICAGO, JULY 10-13, 1978

REF: A) USDOC 4281, B) DUSSELDORF 2079, C) USDOC 279

- 1) DUESSELDORF HAS COMPLETED RECRUITMENT FOR THE SUBJECT SHOW, HAVING ENROLLED 30 PARTICIPANTS FROM 20 GERMAN FIRMS. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE STRICTLY BUSINESS-ORIENTED. NO ONE BOOKED THE 9-DAY VACATION TRIP TO THE BAHAMAS, WHICH WAS OFFERED BY THE CARRIER AS PART OF THE PACKAGE.
- 2) A STRONG SELLING POINT FOR THE TRIP WAS THE "OPEN RETURN TICKET" FROM CHICAGO TO LUXEMBOURG OFFERED BY ICELANDIC LOFTLEIDIR, WHICH MOST PARTICIPANTS WILL EXPLOIT FOR AFTERFAIR DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS TO US SUPPLIERS OR CUSTOMERS.
- 3) HERR BERNHARD CLERMONT, E/C SPECIALIST FROM DUESSELDORF, WILL ESCORT THE FBP GROUP. THE GROUP WILL DEPART BY ICELANDIC LOFTLEIDIR FLIGHT ON JULY 9, 1978 AT 15:30 HRS. AND ARRIVE IN CHICAGO ON JULY 9, 19:30 HRS. (CHICAGO TIME). A BUS WILL TRANSPORT THE PARTICIPANTS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, WHERE THE GROUP WILL BE STAYING UNTIL JULY 13, 1978. THE CHICAGO AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL AGENCY WILL PROVIDE A HOSPITALITY DESK AT THE HOTEL. THAT AGENCY WILL HANDLE THE PARTICIPANTS' INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL REQUESTS, WHILE THE CONSULATE ESCORT WILL HANDLE THE GROUP'S REQUESTS CONCERIING THE TRADE FAIR ITSELF. HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE INTL. BUSINESSMEN'S CENTER

LOUNGE, NATL. HOUSEWARES EXPO, MCCORMICK PL., CHICAGO.

- 4) AMCONSUL DUESSELDORF WILL SUBMIT ITS EXPENSE REPORT DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING JULY 4, 1978.
- 5) LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WILL FOLLOW IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM.
- 6) ACTION USDOC: WILL THE COMMERCE DISTRICT OFFICE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OR A BOOTH AT THE HOUSEWARES SHOW? IF NOT, THE POST WOULD APPRECIATE THE NAME OF A CONTACT IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT OFFICE.
- 7) ACTION STATE EB/OCA: A) WILL STATE BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADVANCE MAN TO ARRIVE IN CHICAGO 2-3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GROUP TO COORDINATE LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS? B) DOLPH ZAPFEL, DIRECTOR OF THE US NATIONAL HOUSEWARES MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, MAILED COPIES OF THE SHOW'S EXHIBITORS LIST TO POST ON MAY 10TH. UNFORTUNATELY THE LISTS HAVE NOT ARRIVED YET. REQUEST THAT STATE CONTACT MR. ZAPFEL'S OFFICE AND ASK FOR A REPEAT MAILING. DUX

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